



**REGIONAL DISTRICT
of Fraser-Fort George**

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Prince George Welcomes the NCMA Convention to Town

From May 7-9, Prince George will play host to more than 250 municipal officials from throughout North Central British Columbia as the 53rd Annual North Central Municipal Association (NCMA) Conference kicks off at the Prince George Civic Centre. The event brings Mayors, Councillors and other officials from 100 Mile House to the Yukon border to discuss issues facing municipalities in North Central BC.

The conference is jointly hosted by the City of Prince George and the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. Prince George Mayor Colin Kinsley is pleased to have the NCMA conference in Prince George. "The conference is a first rate event. It provides the forum to discuss and debate issues facing all of us in North Central BC. At the same time, we have the opportunity to showcase our community and region to the hundreds of people traveling to Prince George to attend the conference," says Mayor Kinsley.

Regional District of Fraser-Fort George Chair Art Kaehn says the conference provides excellent learning and networking opportunities. "We're pleased to work with the City of Prince George in hosting this conference, and thank everyone involved in organizing what promises to be an unforgettable conference," says Kaehn.

A wide variety of speakers and workshops are being offered, including a Carbon Neutral Workshop, Council of Forest Industries, Northern BC Winter Games Society, Western Silviculture Contractors Association, Independent Power Production, Treaty Negotiations, Invasive Plant Council, Ministry of Children and Families, Road Maintenance & Safety, and a Literacy Presentation. The Northern Caucus and Northern Health will hold individual meetings with NCMA Members at the event. Keynote speakers for the event are Ms. Roberta Jamieson, President and CEO of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation, and Mr. Chris Johnson, also known as "Dr. Laugh".

The conference runs May 7-9 at the Prince George Civic Centre. More information and the full conference agenda can be found on the NCMA website at <http://ncma.enorthernbc.com/>

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